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Plagiarism Suit Won by Novelist

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LONDON, Feb. 18—British Novelist Nancy Mitford today won a claim in the high court that much of her book "Madame de Pompadour," about the mistress of the 18th-century French King Louis XV, had been plagiarized.

Ian McInnes, English author of "Painter, King and Pompadour," his publishers and printers agreed to pay £100 ($280) damages as well as costs to Miss Mitford and her publishers.

The publishers of "Painter, King, and Pompadour" were allowed to continue distributing copies already printed provided they inserted an acknowledgement of McInnes's indebtedness to Miss Mitford's book and an expression of regret for having used material from her book without permission.